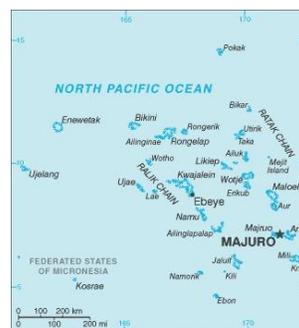
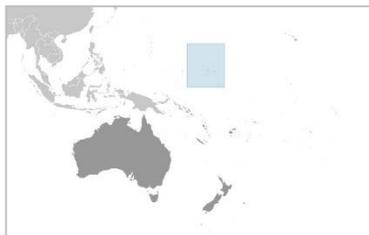


MARSHALL ISLANDS



INTRODUCTION

After almost four decades under US administration as the easternmost part of the UN Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Marshall Islands attained independence in 1986 under a Compact of Free Association. Kwajalein hosts one of four dedicated ground antennas that assist in the operation of the Global Positioning System (GPS) navigation system.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President David KABUA

Head of Government

President David KABUA

Government Type

mixed presidential-parliamentary system in free association with the US

Capital

Majuro

Legislature

bicameral National Parliament consists of the Council of Iroij (a 12-member group of tribal leaders) and the Nitijela (33 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 181 sq km
Land: 181 sq km
Water: 0 sq km

Climate

tropical; hot and humid; wet season May to November; islands border typhoon belt

Natural Resources

coconut products, marine products, deep seabed minerals

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

upper middle-income Pacific island economy; US aid reliance; large public sector workforce; produces coconut oil as a substitute to diesel fuel; becoming offshore banking locale; fishing rights seller; import-dependent

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$227 million (2018 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$3,889 (2018 est.)

Industries - copra, tuna processing, tourism, craft items (from seashells, wood, and pearls)

Agricultural products - coconuts

Exports \$0 (2013 est.)

ships, fish, recreational boats, broadcasting equipment, coal tar oil (2019)

partners: Poland 28%, Denmark 19%, South Korea 13%, Indonesia 10%, Cyprus 6% (2019)

Imports \$103.8 million (2016 est.)

ships, refined petroleum, centrifuges, recreational boats, boat propellers (2019)

partners: South Korea 39%, China 27%, Japan 15% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

78,830 (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

1.37% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Marshalllese 92.1%, mixed Marshalllese 5.9%, other 2% (2006)

Language

Marshalllese (official)
98.2%, other languages 1.8% (1999 est.)

note: English (official), widely spoken as a second language

Religion

Protestant 80.5%, Roman Catholic 8.5%, Church of Jesus Christ 7%, Jehovah's Witness 1.7%, other 1.2%, none 1.1% (2011 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 78.2% of total population (2021)
rate of urbanization: 0.61% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)

